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REMARKS

Claims 35-43 are pending, and were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1 and 4 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,114,192. Without admitting to the propriety of the rejection, the Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to avoid the rejection and expedite allowance of the application.

In view of the foregoing remarks and the Terminal Disclaimer, the Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,


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